

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

**Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Announces
Health Care Fraud Plea of Sachin J. Karnik**

(Wilmington, DE) The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit announced that Sachin J. Karnik, 35, owner and operator of Comprehensive Counseling Services, 1601 Milltown Road, Wilmington, pled guilty to one count of felony Health Care Fraud in New Castle County Superior Court on October 17, 2006. Superior Court Judge Fred S. Silverman sentenced Karnik to four years of probation and ordered him to make restitution in the amount of \$63,040.73 to Delaware Physicians Care Incorporated and \$2,500.00 to the Delaware Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Karnik, a licensed clinical social worker, admitted that, between November 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006, he engaged in a pattern of presenting fraudulent health care claims to Delaware Physicians Care, Inc., a managed care organization for Delaware Medicaid, by presenting false statements in support of claims for payment.

Karnik's fraudulent scheme involved obtaining additional family information from his patients and falsely billing for counseling services not provided to the other family members. He also obtained additional names of Medicaid recipients and billed for counseling services not rendered.

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